

Amendments to the Specification:

1. Page 1, after line 8, insert the following:

---BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

1. Field of the Invention---

2. Page 1, after line 11, insert the following:

---2. Discussion of Background Information---

3. Page 7, after line 7, insert the following:

---SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

The present invention provides a cosmetic or dermatological cleansing emulsion comprising (a) from 1 % to 30 % by weight of one or more detergent surfactants which have an HLB value of higher than 15; (b) from 35 % to 50 % by weight of one or more oil components; (c) from 0.001 % to 30 % by weight of one or more active ingredients; (d) from 0.2 % to 5 % by weight of one or more polyacrylates selected from anionic homopolymers and/or anionic copolymers of acrylic acid and/or alkylated acrylic acid(s) and/or esters thereof; and (e) from 5 % to 60 % by weight of water.

In one aspect of the emulsion, the one or more detergent surfactants may have an HLB value of higher than 25, e.g., an HLB value of higher than 35.

In another aspect, the one or more detergent surfactants may comprise one or more anionic surfactants, for example, an acylamino acid and/or a salt thereof, a sulfonic acid and/or a

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salt thereof, and/or a sulfuric acid ester. Preferably, the one or more anionic surfactants comprise at least sodium laureth sulfate.

In yet another aspect, the one or more detergent surfactants may comprise one or more cationic surfactants, for example, at least one quaternary surfactant.

In a still further aspect, the one or more detergent surfactants may comprise one or more amphoteric surfactants, e.g., an acyl-/dialkylethylenediamine.

In another aspect, the one or more detergent surfactants may comprise one or more nonionic surfactants, e.g., an alkanolamide, an ester formed by esterification of a carboxylic acid with at least one of ethylene oxide, glycerol and sorbitan, and/or an ether.

In yet another aspect, the emulsion may comprise from 5 % to 25 % by weight of component (a), e.g., from 10 % to 20 % by weight of component (a).

In another aspect of the emulsion of the present invention, component (a) may comprise at least one of sodium acyl glutamate, myristoyl sarcosine, TEA lauroyl sarcosinate, sodium lauroyl sarcosinate and sodium cocoyl sarcosinate, sodium/ammonium cocoyl isethionate, dioctyl sodium sulfosuccinate, disodium laureth sulfosuccinate, disodium lauryl sulfosuccinate and disodium undecyleneamido MEA sulfosuccinate, sodium, ammonium, magnesium, MIPA, TIPA laureth sulfate, sodium myreth sulfate and sodium C₁₂₋₁₃ pareth sulfate, sodium, ammonium and TEA lauryl sulfate, benzalkonium chloride, alkylbetaine, alkylamidopropylbetaine and alkylamidopropylhydroxysultaine, sodium acyl-amphoacetate, disodium acylamphodipropionate, disodium alkylamphodiacetate, sodium acylamphohydroxypropylsulfonate, disodium acylamphodiacetate and sodium acylamphopropionate, cocamide MEA/DEA/MIPA, lauryl

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glucoside, decyl glycoside and coconut glycoside.

In a still further aspect of the emulsion, component (b) may comprise one or more of 2-ethylhexyl iso-stearate, octyldodecanol, isotridecyl isononanoate, isoeicosane, 2-ethylhexyl cocoate, C₁₂₋₁₅ alkyl benzoate, caprylic/capric acid triglyceride, and dicaprylyl ether, for example, a mixture of C₁₂₋₁₅ alkyl benzoate and 2-ethyl hexyl isostearate, a mixture of C₁₂₋₁₅ alkyl benzoate and isotridecyl isononanoate, or a mixture of C₁₂₋₁₅ alkyl benzoate, 2-ethyl-hexyl isostearate and isotridecyl isononanoate.

In another aspect of the emulsion of the present invention, component (c) may comprise one or more of a polyphenol, a catechol, a flavonoid, a ubiquinone, a plastoquinone, creatine and a derivative thereof, a carnitine, vitamins A to K, an alpha-hydroxy acid, urea, allantoin, serine, sorbitol, glycerol, nitroarginine, a milk protein, pantheol, chitosan, sericoside, pyridoxol, hydrocortisone and a derivative thereof, and an essential fatty acid. For example, component (c) may comprise an NO synthase inhibitor.

In yet another aspect, the emulsion of the present invention may comprise from 0.05 % to 20 % by weight of component (c).

In another aspect of the emulsion, component (d) may comprise a polymer of at least one of acrylic acid and esters thereof, and/or acrylate/alkyl acrylate copolymers. For example, the emulsion of the present invention may comprise at least one anionic surfactant and at least one C₁₀-C₃₀ alkyl acrylate polymer.

In a still further aspect, the emulsion of the present invention may comprise from 0.5 % to 2 % by weight of component (d).

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The present invention also provides a cosmetic or dermatological cleansing emulsion which comprises from 5 % to 20 % by weight of component (a); from 35 % to 50 % by weight of component (b); from 0.05 % to 20 % by weight of component (c); from 0.5 % to 2 % by weight of component (d); and from 5 % to 55 % by weight of component (e). Components (a) to (d) include the various aspects thereof, as recited above.

The present invention further provides several products which comprise the emulsion of the present invention, including the various aspects thereof, e.g., a foam bath, a shower bath, a tub bath, a hair shampoo, and a cream-like preparation.

The present invention also provides a method for the treatment or prophylaxis of inflammatory skin conditions, and a method of protecting sensitive and dry skin. These methods comprise the application of the emulsion of the present invention, including the various aspects thereof, onto at least parts of the skin.---

4. Page 24, before last paragraph, insert and center the following:

---DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION---

5. Page 26, first line, please change "Patent claims:" to ---WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:---